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House Bill _____
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Benny Monroe and the 1994 Cleveland High School football team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4-A state champions.

WHEREAS, with exceptional skill, tremendous fortitude, the ability to overcome pressure, a potent offense and a very stingy defense, the much touted 1994 Cleveland High School football team has added another glorious chapter to their exemplary athletic history, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4-A state championship, impressing all those who were privileged to see this great team play; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland had a rare 10-0 undefeated regular season, powering past Hixson 55-0, Anderson County 33-28, McMinn County 21-7, Halls 31-13, Dickson County 21-18, Maryville 42-6, Bearden 21-0, Karns 69-6, Clinton 18-15 and Powell 35-10; and

WHEREAS, this was the seventh undefeated regular season in the program's twenty-six year history; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs, the Blue Raiders defeated Tullahoma 42-7, Elizabethton 49-21, Anderson County 41-8, Cherokee 49-21, and Haywood County 7-6, in one of the most exciting games in the history of the Clinic Bowl, to win the coveted TSSAA 4-A state title, their second straight state championship; and

WHEREAS, they have a 29-0 record in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Benny Monroe and his capable staff of assistants: Danny Carson, Johnny Thompson, John Borders, Bob Sanders, Mark Tipton, Leon Brown and Richard Shaw,

have done a marvelous job of molding the natural talent of the squad into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, team leaders included Associated Press All-State selections Dante Hickey, who had 208 carries, 2,183 yards and 34 touchdowns; Carlos Thompson, who had 175 rushes, 1,262 yards and 16 touchdowns; Terrance Constant, Demetrice Smith, and Joe Cordero and Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention honorees Tennille Hudgins and Lee Varnell; and

WHEREAS, seniors Aric Bryant, Allard Bayne, David Chung, Chad Brantley, Demetrius Bryant, Darne Ridgley, Edwin Robinson and Abu Swafford; juniors Tez Davis, Jason Sharpe, Tim Callihan, Jason Deaver and Kerry Arnold; sophomores D. J. Martin, Terry Villar, Jonathan Smith, Marcus Donohoo, Tadyrall Jarrett, Maurice Donohoo, Stepfon Woods, Labron Johnson, Eric Stout, Nicholaus Brown, Steve Collier, Will Martin, Jonathan Burger and Adrian Kirkpatrick and freshmen Reggie Parker, Jason Martin, Tony Styles, Russell Ware, Eric Sellers, Brian Word, Nolan Tippens, Mark Santos, Jason Hill, Marvin Wood, Adam Lambert, Matt Everett and Teddy Villar have each contributed significantly to the tremendous success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Lee Turpin, Charles Patten, Mark Riden and Nathan Green; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially recognize Tennessee athletic teams that excel and make their schools, their community and their state proud; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Benny Monroe and the 1994 Cleveland High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4-A state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final resolving clause deleted.

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